

Randall and Lattime are sentenced

Smart appeal slated Sept. 15

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EXETER — Vance Lattime and Patrick Randall, two of the teen-agers who confessed their roles in the 1990 murder of Pamela Smart's husband, Gregory, were sentenced late last week for their involvement in the crime that sent Smart to prison for life.

The sentences followed Wednesday's sentencing of William Flynn to 40 years to life in prison. Flynn, who was Smart's lover, confessed to murdering Smart's husband at her request.

Lattime, who admitted he obtained the getaway car and the .38-caliber handgun Flynn used in the killing, was sentenced Thursday in Rockingham County Superior Court to a 30-year-to-life prison term. He may be released in 18 years under his plea bargain agreement, pending good behavior.

Randall, who said he held Gregory Smart's head as Flynn shot him on May 1, 1990, appeared in court on Friday to receive a 40-year-to-life sentence, the same as Flynn's. Both Randall and Flynn may be released after 28 years in prison, pending good behavior.

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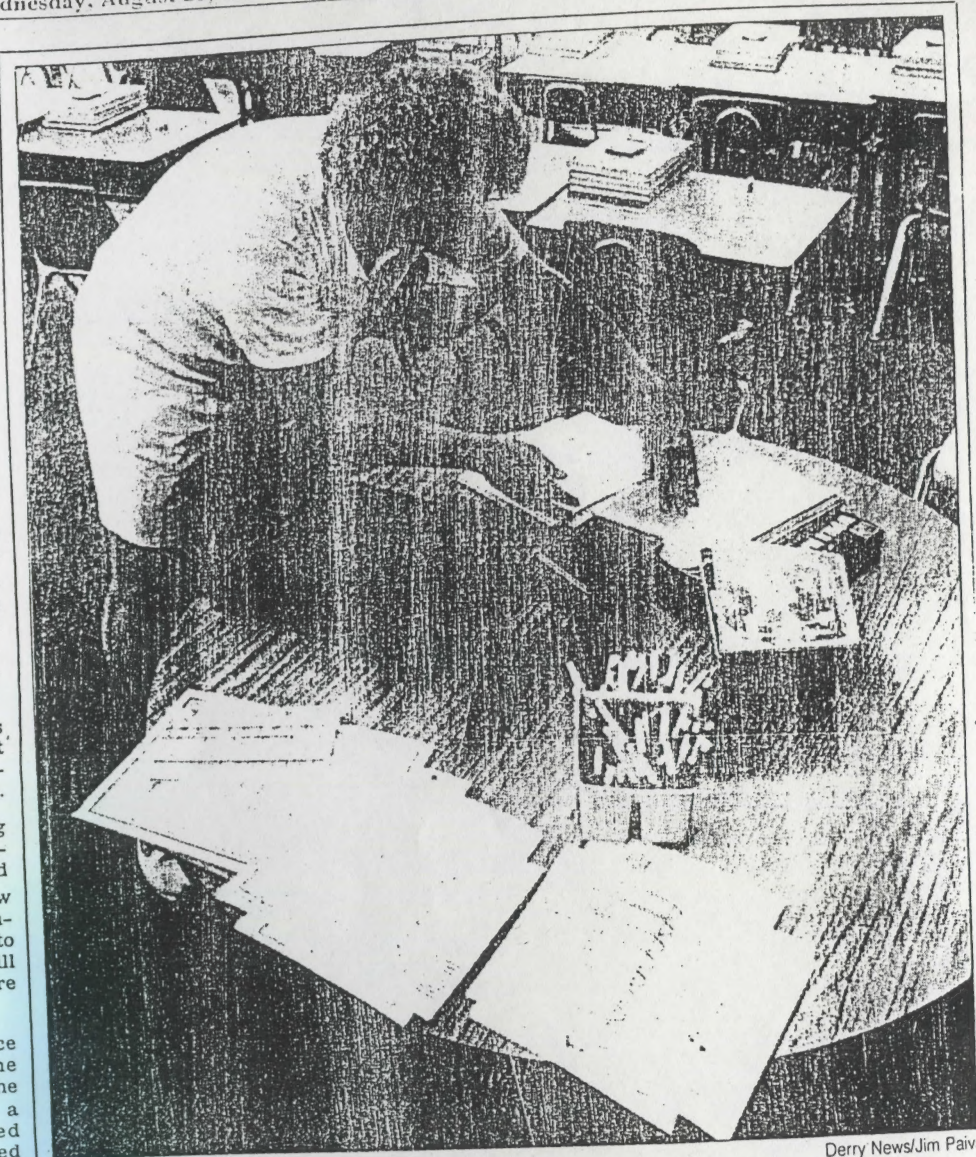
The three youths will each receive credit for the 800 or more days they spent in prison before sentencing. With that credit and time off for good behavior, Lattime could be released in 2008, while Flynn and Randall could be released in 2018.

The three teen-agers each had made plea-bargain agreements with the state last year by which they admitted their guilt to second-degree murder charges instead of first-degree charges. On Jan. 28, 1991, Flynn pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, while Randall and Lattime pleaded guilty to accomplice to second-degree murder.

In the agreements, the youths were required to testify against Smart in the 1991 trial that received international attention.

Smart was convicted of being an accomplice to murder, conspiracy to commit murder and witness tampering. She is now serving a sentence of life without parole, but her request to appeal the court's decision will be heard by the New Hampshire Supreme Court on Sept. 15.

During last week's sentence hearings, attorneys for the youths painted Smart as the perpetrator of the crime, a young woman who seduced Flynn and then manipulated him and his friends to kill her.



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